

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 4119 - SB 4163**

February 14, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture, in consultation with the State Forester and the county mayors of impacted counties, to issue burning bans prohibiting all open-air fires in any area of the state when extreme fire hazard conditions exist.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue – Not Significant**  
**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant**  
**Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

#### **Assumptions:**

- According to the Department of Agriculture, any increase to departmental expenditures as a result of this bill is considered not significant.
- According to the Department of Environment and Conservation, this bill will have no impact upon departmental revenue or expenditures.
- According to the Comptroller, revenue and expenditures of local governments would not be significantly impacted as a result of this bill.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenses.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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